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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the February 9, 2001 Election Requirement  
(Paper No. 9). Please consider the following remarks.

Additionally, Applicants submit (1) a Petition for a one (1) month extension of  
time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

REMARKS

**Response To Election Requirement.** In response to the Election  
Requirement, Applicants hereby elect the species described in Example 3 and Figure 3 of the  
Specification, *i.e.* the species having the following properties:

- a) Specific carrier: Human Serum Albumin ("HSA")

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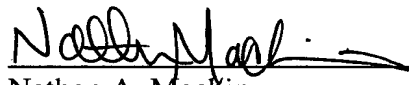


- b) Specific fluorescent moiety: tetra(4-sulfophenyl)porphin
- c) Nature of bond between carrier and fluorescent moiety: sulfonamide linkage
- d) Number of carriers per conjugate: One HSA per conjugate
- e) Approximate excitation wavelength: 650 nm

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Respectfully submitted,

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